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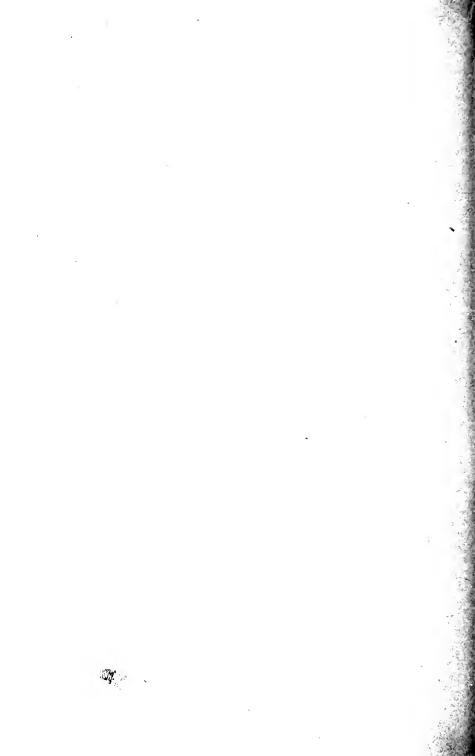
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REPORT OF ANDREW KEOGH, LIBRARIAN

To the President and Fellows of Yale University:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report on the University Library for the year 1916–1917.

FINANCES

The financial side of the work of the Library is shown in the two tables below, and requires little comment. In the income account the University appropriation for salaries shows an increase of \$2,000, that sum having been voted by the Corporation towards the expense of arranging and cataloguing the Hebraica and the Latin-Americana. The income from investments shows a considerable increase, largely due to special dividends on a copper stock held by the Library. The income from gifts consists chiefly of contributions towards the purchase of the Wagner Mexicana, for which a much larger sum was contributed last year. The details for both years will be found in the Treasurer's Report. In the expense account the chief differences are the decreased expenditure on books, the increase in binding, and the increases in supplies and repairs. The last item includes some extraordinary expenses, such as the provision of a staff room in the basement, and the tying of the west wall of the Chittenden Library, which had buckled to the point of danger. The credit balance on the year's operations is largely a paper balance, as much of it must be reserved for books that have been ordered from Europe, but cannot at present be shipped.

During the year it was decided to keep the Library accounts according to the system in use in the University Treasurer's Office, and a monthly checking of accounts with those of the Treasurer has been instituted. An examination of the various book funds made last year having shown a number of cases where the incomes had been considerably overdrawn, the funds have been allowed to recuperate. By the end of 1917–1918 practically all the deficits will have been extinguished. The coördination of the bookkeeping methods of the Library with those of the Treasurer was made by Mr. McClelland.

INCOME OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

	1916-17	1915-16	1914-15	1913-14
University Appropriations:				
For Cataloguing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
For Salaries	7,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
Departmental Assess-				
ments	17,372.00	17,154.00	17,121.00	17,192.00
Investments (Net)	55,144.17	49,800.40	46,328.80	49,384.77
Gifts	5,449.00	13,689.75	5,814.19	4,503.82
Incidentals	426.16	379.79	348.03	799.89
Fines (Net)	428.35	395. 2 0	370.37	460.65
Sales of Duplicates				
(Net)	432.79	587.26	329.19	816.52
	\$92,002.47	\$92,756.40	\$81,061.58	\$83,907.65
University (General) Donation University Appropriation to Connecticut			2,932.93	
AcademyYale University Press	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Royalties	5,326.07	1,301.71	2,117.12	3,336.58
9	\$98,828.54	\$95,558.11	\$87,611.63	\$88,741.23

EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

	1916-17	1915-16	1914-15	1913-14	1912-13	Annual Average 1907–12
For Books, Periodicals						
and Newspapers						
Bookbinding	3,946.56	3,007.81	2,851.24	2,725.82	2,729.56	2,676.02
Freight, Postage						
and Telephone	852.49	1,025.96	1,202.88	1,409.27	777-92	973.76
Salaries	45,391.64	45,469.54	40,922.07	40,671.11	37,751.40	35,713.21
Printing,Stationery		!				
and Supplies	3,827.41	1,647.32	3,288.70	2,083 24	2,399.47	2,380.00
Light and Power	494.33	424.73	432.58	429.67	789.13	917.89
Heat and Water	3,665.98	3.077.55	2,868.75	2,930.01	2,740.26	2,733.51
Insurance and						
Watchman	2,146.37	2,119.16	1,783.32	543 - 43	492.65	422.00
Repairs	2,338.31	696.76	1,117.82	1,075.04	925 93	726.91
Incidentals	705.94	126.11	9.66	11.51	60.43	40.80
Extraordinary Pur-						
poses		429.79	1,890.98	1,152.72	0.00	1,355.75
Total	\$88,894.23	\$89,006.02	\$85,405.52	\$84,349.05	\$73.611.10	\$73,008.70
Publications of Con-						
necticutAcademy	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Exchanges	5,326.07	1,909.71		3,336.58		
- Datendages	3.320.07	1,909.71		3,330.30	1,272.00	
Total	\$95,720.30	\$92,415.73	\$88,414.64	\$89,185.63	\$76,383.98	
Credit balance to Gen-						
eral Funds income		!				
for year ending						
	3.108.31	2 7 4 2 20				
June 30	3,108.24	3,142.38				
Total	\$98,828.54	\$95,558.11				

^{*}Includes \$9612.50 expended in final payment for the Wagner collections, which are recorded among the gifts of 1915-16 in the table of "Accessions to the University Library" below.

Accessions to the University Library

	1916–17	1915-16	1914-15	1913-14	1912-13	Annual Average 1905–12
By Purchase Gift and Bequest. Exchange	8,569 13,216 1,409	38,780	18,016	15,055	16,623	11,351 14,914 4,450
Total	23,194	50,567	34,581	37,546	33,099	30,715

The falling off in the numbers received by purchase and by exchange is amply explained by the war, which has, of course, totally cut off the supply of books from the Central Powers, has greatly interfered with the transmission of Dutch and Scandinavian books, and has in general tended to curtail production. The war has particularly affected the publications of learned bodies, theses, etc., which are the chief material of exchange. The smaller figures for gifts and bequests are in striking contrast with the very large numbers of last year, which include the Wagner collections, both Economic and Latin-American, and the Kohut Collection, these three gifts alone amounting to over 28,500 volumes.

The large decrease in the demands upon the book funds has, to some extent, been turned to account in the purchase of a number of rare and expensive books, such as many of the publications of the Roxburghe Club, some long early runs of Legislative Journals of New England States, a very fine copy of Sir Thomas More's Works in English of 1557, the fine Leipzig facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible of 1450–1453, and a number of standard expensive architectural works. Except for a few unusual collections sold at enormous prices, the book-market has not, however, been rich in offerings.

Since it is now impossible to keep foreign sets up to date, some time was devoted during the last three months to completing the American continuations and official reports. A large number of requests were sent to various organizations and institutions throughout the country and have met with a most favorable response. It is planned to continue this work until the American sets are as complete as it is possible to make them.

The diminution in the number of books added allowed a larger amount of money and of time to be devoted to binding, which had fallen behind seriously. Four thousand dollars were spent for this purpose during the year, and a larger sum will be spent during 1917–1918.

Opportunity was also taken to clear up some of the minor gifts and exchanges which had been accumulating in the basement for years past, and this work will be pushed vigorously to completion.

Many improvements were made during the year in the methods of work in the accession department, but the inadequate staff and the congested condition of the Library make the work of Mr. Humphreys one of very great difficulty.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

The largest accession from this source has been the bequest of the late Frederick Sheldon Parker, '73, who left to the Library his collection of some 2,300 books on Napoleon and French History of that time, leaving also, without restrictions to the University, a fund of \$2,500, the income of which has been assigned by the Corporation to the Library, for the maintenance of this collection.

The Library has also been enriched by the release from annuities of the bequest of Dr. Edmund Wales Holmes, '72, who in 1905 left \$5,000 to establish the Gideon S. and Elizabeth Holmes Memorial. One half of this sum is to be spent in the purchase of Bibles and Biblical literature, and the income of the other half used in increasing the collection so formed.

Mr. John Christopher Schwab, the former Librarian of the University, bequeathed \$5,000 to the Library for general purposes.

Mr. Henry R. Wagner, '84, has added further to his generous gifts of economic tracts.

Professor William Howard Taft, '78, gave 680 bound volumes and 300 pamphlets, many of the volumes handsomely bound and autographed.

A comprehensive collection of verse inspired by the war is being gathered by Mr. Robert Hartshorne, '90, who has offered it to the Library. The first instalment is now being awaited with much interest.

Messrs. Brown Brothers of New York made several highly appreciated gifts of various railroad reports and pamphlets, amounting in all to more than 900 pieces.

Mr. William Forbes Fisher gave an interesting collection of over 190 Army, Navy, and War Loan Posters.

Professor Henry P. Johnston, '62, gave 50 folders containing the correspondence of Dr. Mason F. Cogswell, Yale 1780, and 2 letters from President Stiles and General Humphreys, not in the Cogswell collection.

Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes gave a set of the handsome and valuable "Iconography of New York" by her son, Mr. I. N. Phelps Stokes.

Mrs. William H. Carmalt sent a large number of early American pamphlets and tracts, some of great rarity, from the Johnson family of Stratford; also 75 numbers of American newspapers dating from 1815 to 1845.

Mr. Robert W. Neeser, '06, added many more to his already considerable gifts of War Posters; some were also sent by his brother, Mr. John G. Neeser.

By the bequest of the late William A. Linn, '68, there were received over 50 books, pamphlets, and reports on Mormonism.

Mr. Edward Bement, '70, gave a handsome cabinet for his collection of editions of the Philobiblon, given by him to the Library in 1894.

Mr. Henry H. Townshend, '97, gave from the library of his father, Capt. Charles H. Townshend, about 200 pieces, including some early works on the Astrolabe and a number of English local histories.

From Mrs. E. E. Salisbury the Library received a package of letters written by Professor William Dwight Whitney to Professor Salisbury.

From Dr. Charles McCormick Reeve, '70, came an anonymous Arabic manuscript of the eighteenth century, which is not yet identified.

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From the Rev. H. H. Beadle, '62, about 1,000 volumes, chiefly religious in character, were received.

Governor Baldwin, '61, presented many early tracts and Yale memorabilia, including a manuscript catalogue of the books in the Linonia Library, probably compiled in 1781.

The New Haven Colony Historical Society sent several hundred books and pamphlets, not connected with New Haven history, which had accumulated in the library of the Society. In return, the Yale Library will send to the Historical Society such duplicates as relate to local history.

The Connecticut Historical Society gave for exchange purposes 15 copies of the Records and Papers of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati, two handsome volumes published by the Historical Society during the year. This generous gift allowed the Library to pay off some of its debts to other libraries.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Speck Collection of Modern German Literature

While it has been impossible to draw on Germany for accessions to the collection, the curator was fortunate enough to secure several good German items in this country. Some standard works were obtained from dealers, and several items of uncommon occurrence were purchased at auction sales in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. Among the latter may be mentioned an excellent copy, in the original binding, of the works of Paracelsus in two volumes, folio, dated Straszburg, 1616; a splendid set of the famous and scarce Boisserée Gallery composed of 119 exquisite lithographic plates by Strixner, published in Stuttgart and München from 1821 to 1836; three scarce editions of Lavater's "Physiognomy"; and a good copy of the quaint and rare frieze entitled "Der Spaziergang vor dem Thor," lithographed after the original silhouette by Paul Konewka.

The collection of portraits and other illustrative material was further enriched by a considerable number of uncommon pictures of Goethe, Schiller, and Lessing, and several highly interesting illustrations to "Faust."

To the still small but promising section of "Musical compositions to Goethe's works" a number of interesting titles were added. Chief among these are autograph scores by Rungenhagen to poems by Goethe, Novalis, and A. W.

Schlegel, and a similar lot of autograph compositions by Möllinger to songs by Goethe and Klopstock. Of almost equal value are first editions of Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's "Die Erste Walpurgisnacht" and Spontini's "Kennst du das Land," etc.

From France was received a well-bound set, in ten volumes made up of first editions, of translations of Goethe's works into French by Jacques Porchat, and several other rather important items.

From England was obtained a surpassingly valuable autograph letter by William Wordsworth and much other autograph material, as well as a lot of early editions of English translations from Goethe and Schiller. Worthy of especial mention among these are several scarce bits of "Wertheriana," and the almost unobtainable first printing of Walter Scott's translation of "Goetz von Berlichingen," bearing on its title-page the legend "By William Scott, Esquire, Advocate. Edinburgh, 1799." Other valuable additions are Andrew Lang's copy of Goethe's "Faust," bearing many marginal notes, translations, and sketches in Lang's hand, and Swinburne's copy of the very rare "Ballad of the Lady Lilith," inscribed to him by the author John Purchas. Two large octavo volumes of clippings from newspapers and magazines collected by Sir Theodore Martin, and entitled respectively "Goethiana" and "Horace, Heine, and Goethe," contain most of the contemporary criticism of Martin's works.

That interest in the collection is constantly growing is emphasized by the largely increased number of gifts and the growing number of visitors. As it is not practicable to list the gifts here, the Curator wishes to give public thanks to all the generous patrons of the collection whose names will be found in the general list of donors to the Library.

A very recent gift, which may be specially referred to, is a rare silhouette of Goethe, found among the papers of Hans Christian Andersen by Mr. Hans Frey, the donor, who

is the possessor of a large number of Andersen memorabilia.

In June, 1917, the Curator published "An Original Drawing by Goethe. With a Short Paper on Goethe and the Graphic Arts." The publication, which forms No. 3 of the series of reproductions of rare items from the collection, was printed under the direction of the Yale University Press.

To a class, made up of instructors in the University and a few visitors from other institutions, the Curator read during the year a series of nineteen papers on the plastic and graphic portraits of Goethe.

Collection on the War

Many purchases have been made for this collection during the year, and many books and pamphlets have come in by gift. The most important accessions, however, have been the remarkable collections of posters given by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Neeser, to which reference has already been made in the section on Gifts.

The Collection of Judaica

By the end of June the whole of the Kohut books had been unpacked, listed, and roughly classified on the shelves. About 150 of the pamphlets in the collection had also been bound, with as many more at the binder's. To the Kohut books were added the collection of books by and about Josephus, received from Mrs. Selah Merrill in 1914, the long series of translations being arranged in linguistic order. There were also added several hundred Hebrew books hitherto shelved in unclassified sections of the library. The cataloguing of the collection will be started next year.

The Latin-American Collection

This collection now numbers about 40,000 volumes, and it has been arranged on the shelves by countries, and under

each country subdivided by topic. The books on Mexico have not yet been subdivided, but the work is going on. Thousands of Mexican pamphlets have been separately cased and labeled, and are now ready for more minute classification.

The Andrews Loan Library

The Committee in charge of this Library made in February an organized effort to add to the collection, which was founded twenty-five years ago to furnish text-books to undergraduates who are working their way through college. Twenty-one undergraduates, representing all four classes in the college, called upon the undergraduates and secured contributions of about 1,500 volumes.

THE CATALOGUE

As in the past, the chief work of the cataloguers has been the classing and cataloguing of accessions in departments of the Library which have already been classified, including the books added to the Babylonian Seminary, the Classical Club, the Hammond Metallurgical Laboratory, the History Seminary, Linonian and Brothers Library, the Mathematical Seminary, the Osborn Memorial Laboratories, the Sheffield Laboratory for Physiological Chemistry, and the Sloane Physics Laboratory. The staff also classed and catalogued the Kent Chemical Library, which comprises 1,441 volumes.

In European history the Parker collection on Napoleon has been catalogued, a task which necessitated the re-classing and re-cataloguing of all the works on this subject which were already in the Library. The collection of popular reference books formerly classed in X, comprising about 40,000 volumes, has been broken up and classed strictly by subject and re-catalogued. The classification of Education is progressing, 7,175 volumes, represented by 3,827 titles, having been arranged by subject and catalogued during the year. In Social Sciences the subjects Commerce

and Public Finance have been classed, and Social Pathology, Charities, and Corrections have been completed. In these subjects 22,841 volumes have been arranged, represented by 8,307 titles in the catalogue.

There were indexed 52 articles in the publications of learned societies, and cards for these have been printed by the American Library Association.

The catalogue has been increased by 91,016 cards, representing 25,856 titles. Of these cards 63,040 are printed, the Library of Congress furnishing 59,554, Harvard 633, the John Crerar Library 2,379, and the American Library Association 74. Typewritten cards total 27,976.

During term time the members of the cataloguing force have been stationed by turns at a new "Inquiries about the catalogue" desk throughout the day, to answer the questions of readers, and a cataloguer has served at the loan desk half of each day.

The work of Miss Hyde and Miss Monrad has been greatly hampered by the loss of valuable assistants through resignation and illness, and by the drafts made upon the cataloguing force by other departments. The amount of work accomplished has been affected very appreciably, and it is hoped that the vacancies can be filled, and the cataloguing staff increased, during 1917–1918.

EXHIBITIONS

During the Pageant week in October there were on exhibition many early documents and pictures illustrating the history of Yale. Of the Pageant twenty photographs in color, made by the Hess-Ives Corporation of Philadelphia, were exhibited in the Library in May. During the winter Mr. Robert Hartshorne, '90, lent his fine collection of the publications of private presses. On the Tuesday of Commencement week, when the Yale Armory was formally opened, its walls were covered with the Library's collection of American and foreign war posters.

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT LIBRARIES

The School of Law

This is the largest of the school libraries, and the report of its Librarian is appended to this report of the University Librarian, as in years past. The Law Librarian's report this year gives an interesting summary of the growth of the library under his direction. Mr. Winfield resigned his office on June 30, 1917, and is to be succeeded by Professor Edwin M. Borchard, from the Library of Congress and the State Department.

Professor Sherman has also resigned his curatorship of the Wheeler Library of Roman Law, after eleven years service. Mr. Sherman was an intimate friend of Professor Wheeler, who founded the collection, and his knowledge of the donor's plans and hopes for the collection gave to his suggestions for purchase an added force.

The School of Forestry

This Library now contains about 6,000 volumes and 9,000 pamphlets, and adds about 100 volumes and 1,200 pamphlets a year. At Director Toumey's request for an assistant to succeed Miss Tisdale, who had resigned owing to ill health, the University Library engaged and detailed as Librarian of the School of Forestry Miss Mary A. Ewer, a graduate of Cornell.

The School has a card index of American lumber journals, approximately 24,000 cards. This index was copied by a state university during the year, and took a cataloguer about five months.

The Day Missions Library

The report on this Library by Professor Harlan P. Beach is so good a statement as to its purpose and condition that it is here printed in full:

This Library was founded by the late Professor George E. Day, D.D., with the object suggested by its former name,

the Historical Library of Foreign Missions. At his death a bequest was left to the University for the erection of a fireproof library building and for the care and enlargement of the collection, his wife adding to this fund by a further bequest for the same purposes.

The present building was completed in 1912, when the material was transferred and under professional supervision was re-catalogued and placed on the shelves. At that time it was the largest collection of the sort in existence, as the library gathered by Dean Vahl of Denmark had been allowed to be scattered. Two other collections most nearly equalling it were in the possession of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, housed at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, and of Hartford Theological Seminary, where it was placed in the Case Memorial Library. Steps had been taken. however, to establish a still larger collection, now known as the Missionary Research Library and located at 25 Madison Avenue, New York, in rooms sustained partly by the Rockefeller Foundation, and partly by the associated Foreign Mission Boards of the United States and Canada. At the present time it has become superior to the Day collection in some respects, mainly in the number of missionary reports and periodicals gathered, though in point of literature of historical value it is neither as large nor as valuable as this collection. Since 1912 the Library has been in charge of Mrs. Margaret L. Moody, under the direction of Professor Harlan P. Beach, who in turn is responsible to a Committee of which the University Librarian is Chairman.

The collection contains at this date 10,104 volumes, about 7,000 pamphlets, 4,579 annual reports of 506 missionary societies and 900 volumes of unbound periodicals. Of this number there had been catalogued between July 1, 1916 and June 30, 1917, 742 volumes (679 titles) and 443 pamphlets (124 titles). In addition 230 periodicals, of which 102 are bound, have been accessioned.

LIBRARY 2 I

The Day Missions Building has been built for research work, as well as for seminar and lecture purposes. The basement and first floor are devoted to such rooms, and two special private workrooms are connected with Library Hall, which occupies the second floor. Two volumes have been prepared in the building during the year reported, and most of the research work for the "World Statistics of Christian Missions" was likewise done here by two specialists. Bibliographies are constantly being made by those connected with the collection, and information concerning missionary literature is frequently given to correspondents. The value of the Library to the Department of Missions of the Yale School of Religion is beyond calculation, and as no other institution of higher learning can approach it, it attracts missionary students, writers and persons preparing to teach Missions. It is thus realizing the ideal of its founder who wished to make the Library at once a repository of missionary material and a literary workshop for students and authors.

The School of Music

The new building of the School will provide accommodation for the books now in its Library, and for growth. The University Library Committee has approved the transfer to the School of the musical scores in the University Library, on condition that they continue to be available under University Library regulations. The University Librarian will also supervise the Library of the School, and appoint an assistant in charge for 1917–1918, as requested by Dean Parker. The Faculty of the School of Religion has also voted to deposit in the School of Music the Lowell Mason Collection of Church Music, now in the custody of the University Library, but housed in the basement of Wright Hall.

The books to be transferred from the University Library have not been allowed to circulate, and the Library Committee considers that musical texts can be used properly only where musical instruments are provided or allowed.

The American Oriental Society

While the Library of this Society does not belong to Yale, it has been here since 1855, and is now shelved in special alcoves of the University Library. The Librarian is Professor Clay, and under his direction the library of the Society has been completely catalogued according to the methods and under the supervision of the cataloguing staff of the Yale Library. Professor Clay hopes to print the catalogue shortly, so as to make the Library as widely known and as useful as possible.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

At mid-year President Hadley resigned his chairmanship of the Committee, and Professor Farrand took office in his stead. The President remains an *ex officio* member of the Committee. Professor Abbott, who resigned his place on the Committee, was replaced in March by Professor Tinker. Dean Cross and Professor Churchman, who had been filling the unexpired terms of Dean Oertel and Dean Blumer respectively, were re-appointed for the three years ending June 30, 1920.

THE STAFF

The most important change in the year was the appointment of Mr. Charles James Barr to the position of Assistant Librarian, which had been vacant for more than a year. Mr. Barr is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of the New York State Library School, and has had wide experience in library work. When called to Yale he was the Assistant Librarian of the John Crerar Library in Chicago. Mr. Barr, who comes with the rank of a full professor, began his duties on the first of April.

The Library added to its cataloguing staff Miss Evelyn Brooke, from the Pratt Institute Library School, and Miss

Margaret Landes, from Wellesley. Miss Ethel M. Isbell was added to the Accessions Department, and Miss Helen B. Soule to the Periodical Room. To the temporary service were added Mr. G. M. McBride, assistant in Spanish in the College, and Mrs. L. K. Bryant, both engaged in the arrangement of the Latin-Americana; Mr. Joshua Bell, for the Kohut Judaica; Miss Olive Judson, who had done much work for the American Oriental Society; and Miss Marjorie Somers. Miss Ewer's appointment as Librarian of the School of Forestry has already been noticed.

The resignations included Miss Mildred Fuller, who left to be married; Miss Evelyn Brooke, who joined the staff of the Library of the Hispanic Society; Mr. James A. De-Lacey, who went to the Brick Row Print and Book Shop; Miss Florence Alpert, who moved to New York; and Miss Marjorie Staley and Miss Ethel Cugell, who found better positions elsewhere in New Haven. Mr. McBride left at the end of June to enter the service of the library of the American Geographic Society. Professor Asakawa left for Japan, and during his year's absence will endeavor to add to our Japanese and Chinese collections. At the end of the college year Miss Harriet B. Phelps retired as librarian of the Osborn Zoölogical Laboratory, after twenty-four years of service in various departments of the University. Professor Sherman's resignation as Curator of the Wheeler Library has been mentioned already.

During the year Mr. Dexter published his *Documentary History of Yale*, 1701–1745, issued through the Yale University Press. The Press also published Mr. Newell's *The Dated Alexander Coinage of Sidon*, a work based to some extent upon the collection of coins in the Library; and reproduced for Mr. Speck the original drawing by Goethe, of which mention has already been made. The Bibliography of the Officers of Yale for the year was as usual prepared by Miss Gillette for the Report of the President.

NEED OF A NEW BUILDING

The Librarian would urge the importance of an immediate increase in the accommodations for books and readers. Since he came to Yale in 1899 as many books have been added as were added during the two centuries preceding. The rapid growth in the number of volumes and in the demands made upon them is good evidence of the vigor of the University's life; but the physical equipment of the Library has by no means kept pace with its requirements. Most of the floors are shelved to the ceiling and the books are difficult of access; there is no room for growth or even for the proper handling of material in process of classification: the staff is so crowded that work cannot be done easily or economically; there is insufficient provision of tables and chairs for readers, and an almost total lack of suitable accommodation for research students. A new building, on a much larger scale, is a necessity if Yale is to keep her place in the forefront of American Universities.

Andrew Keogh.

GENTLEMEN:—The Librarian of the Law Department has the honor herewith to submit his annual report for the academic year 1916–1917, now concluding.

The books accessioned and added to the Law Library during the past year number 919 volumes and according to the usual classification may be listed as follows:

Treatises and Text-Books							253
United States and State Reports, and	Diges	ts					179
British and Colonial Reports, Statutes	, etc.						189
United States and State Sessions Laws	, Code	es, et	c.				42
West Publishing Co.'s Reporter System	m.						54
Selected and Annotated Cases							28
General Digests							8
Periodicals (bound)							19
International Law, Jurisprudence, Le	gal H	istory	y, Le	gal	Phils	o-	
phy, and Constitutional Law							18

In addition to these there have been 125 volumes accessioned in the Wheeler Collection of Civil and Roman Law, no return for pamphlets, if any, having been made, making in all an increase of 1,044 volumes to this Library.

Of the 919 volumes above specified, 783 were purchases at a total expense of \$2,406.11 and 136 were gifts, a list of the donors of such volumes being hereto annexed.

An unusually large number of treatises were purchased, and the fund given by Mr. Francis D. Hurtt for that purpose has been entirely exhausted.

The endowment of the Library for the purchase of books produces an income which is barely one-half of what is expended for that purpose and that derived from other funds must be drawn upon, as the following table of expenditures for the past eight years will show:

					For Binding and
				For Books	Incidentals
1909-1910				\$1,842.81	\$350.50
1910-1911				2,256.19	528.62
1911-1912				2,445.37	372.05
1912-1913				3,480.44	117.97
1913-1914				2,578.12	121.86
1914-1915				2,939.69	109.77
1915-1916				3,104.81	111.75
1916-1917				2,406.11	72.61
				\$21,053.54	\$1,785.13

These figures are a summary of the bills audited in this office, and do not include many of the incidentals furnished by the Bureau of Purchases and Stores nor the cost of the various repairs, alterations and improvements made in the Library rooms, but they do indicate that the expenditure of less than \$3,000 yearly for the accessions and upkeep of

what is one of the best law libraries in New England is a most inadequate one.

The total number of books in the Library at this date, including the Wheeler Collection, is 42,551, which may be thus listed:

United States and State Reports, Digests of Case	s, etc.,	inclu	ıd-	
ing Reporter Systems				10,230
United States and State Sessions, Laws, Codes, et	с			4,976
British and Colonial Collection (all classes) .				6,258
Treatises and Text-Books				2,637
Selected and Annotated Cases				2,663
Miscellaneous Legal Books				3,007
Miscellaneous Non-Legal Books				1,666
General Digests and Encyclopædias				482
International Law, Jurisprudence, etc				654
Blackstone Collection				428
Periodicals (bound)				1,363
Deposits (principally in Wheeler Collection) .				320
Duplicates not shelved				2,945
Wheeler Collection of Roman Law				4,922
				42,551

Owing to various reasons, it has not been feasible to make an accurate shelf-to-shelf count and invoice of the books and the census of the Library has been made during the past two years by adding the year's accessions to the previous year's total.

The total above given is not more than the actual number and may possibly be a few hundred less.

There are between eleven and twelve thousand pamphlets in the Library, or rather, in such places as storage may be found for them. Of these about 7,500 belong to the Wheeler Collection; a thousand to the Social Science Collection, and the remainder to the Yale Law Library proper; they consist largely of lawyers' briefs, State documents, law school and college catalogues, reprints of leading articles from legal periodicals, together with a number of essays of value, which should be selected and made accessible as soon as shelf-room may be provided for that purpose.

The demand for much needed shelf-room has been temporarily met by moving from the Library floor to rooms below, furnished for that purpose, some 2,200 books, giving thereby expansion for a few years to come. This at the best is merely an inadequate and temporary makeshift, as the expansion is almost entirely limited to the stack-room, where it is the least convenient.

The appearance of the Library is good, due to the fact that many of the books are new and partly because the older ones are less consulted, but the bindings of many of the latter, in spite of the care that they have received, are fast disintegrating and another general overhauling will soon be needed.

A new binding material, called "Fabrikoid," which has the inexpensiveness of buckram and the appearance of a high grade leather, has come into the market recently; it has the great advantage of being impervious to moisture, so much so, in fact, that a damp cloth may be used for cleaning the books. Several books have been bound with apparently excellent results, but whether the material will not dry in the usual conditions of our libraries and will carry labeling properly remains to be observed; certainly it is well worth a trial.

The following table gives an idea of the expansion of the Library during the past eight years; it gives the census at the close of each year for the Wheeler Collection and for the entire Library, including that collection.

				Wheeler Collection	Entire Law Library
1908-1909				2,364	30,504
1909-1910				2,683	31,444
1910-1911				3,116	34,014
1911-1912				3,227	35,004
1912-1913				3,790	36,980
1913-1914				4,643	39,071
1914-1915				4,734	40,127
1915-1916				4,797	41,507
1916-1917				4,922	42,551

This means that over twelve thousand volumes have been added within the above period and it also means that room must soon be provided or growth must cease. These twelve thousand books require 2,200 feet of shelf-room, which must be made, since it does not exist, for future accretions.

HENRY W. WINFIELD, Librarian, Law Library.

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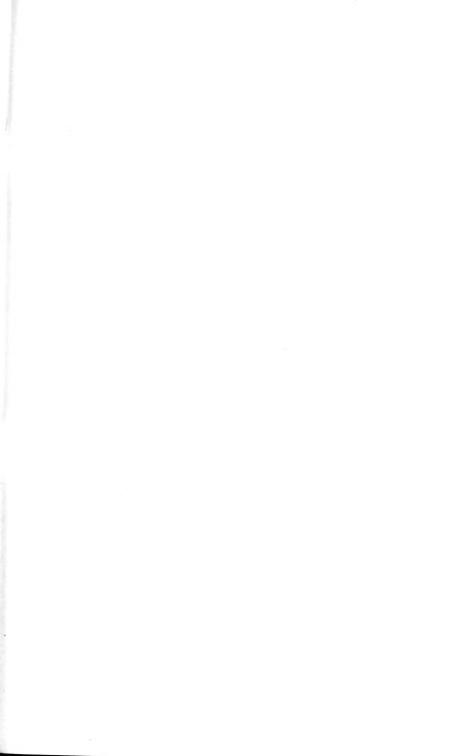
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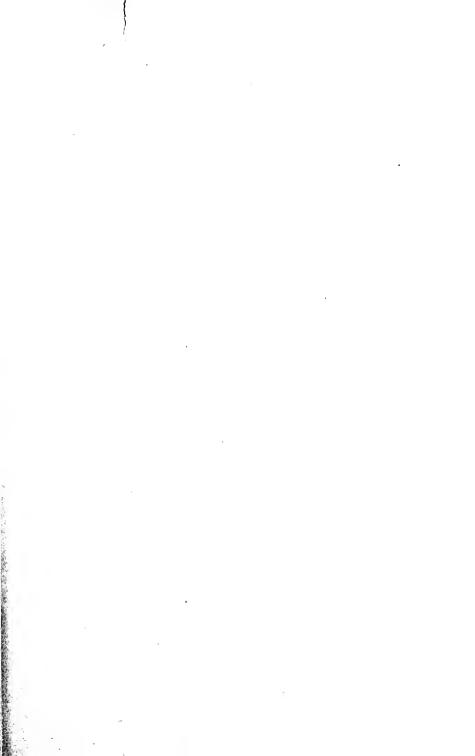
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